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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service

Washington, D.C. 20408

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of August 30, 19[illegible]

By our letter to you dated December 8, 1970, we advised you that the "memorandum of transfer" to which your present letter refers was withheld from public examination under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 552(b) (6), "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy . . ." Unfortunately, that letter may have implied that the release of the document in question came within the discretion of the General Services Administration. If so, we would now like to clarify our position with regard to the "memorandum of transfer" as we have in other correspondence with regard to other similarly situated Kennedy assassination materials.

It has been the stated desire of the Kennedy Family Representative, Mr. Burke Marshall, that the "memorandum of transfer" document not be included among those materials transferred to the National Archives, access to which would be governed by the Government. As of our latest communication, he has repeatedly denied requests for access to this document. Therefore, the General Services Administration is prepared to follow his direction in withholding the "memorandum of transfer" from public inspection.

The copy of the "memorandum of transfer" which is included among records accessioned from the Secret Service is governed by the restrictions placed upon the original by the Kennedy Family Representative.

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Should Mr. Marshall reverse his previous position, we would be happy to provide you a copy of the requested document.

Sincerely,

James B. Rhoads

JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States